

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 22

PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE AGRIPPA.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 26 (vv. 1, 24-25).
GOLDEN TEXT—I was not disobedient
unto the heavenly vision.—Acts 26:19.

It is possible to use the Bible either as a music box or a telephone. We should let it speak the words of the Lord Jesus to us and our pupils. This lesson occurred probably A. D. 59, perhaps in August, the day after last Sunday's lesson. This was the same hall where Agrippa had heard the people calling him a god (Acts 12). Paul, the center of all interest, is chained to his Roman guardians. The prisoner has been vehemently accused as one worthy of death and had appealed to Caesar, but Festus, not being well acquainted with Jewish laws and customs, could not make any definite charge against him before the Roman court. Hence he turns him over to Agrippa, who was well acquainted with matters of Jewish law.

1. Paul, the Preacher (vv. 1-23). This was one of the great occasions in the life of this great man. Paul was preaching to a king and a woman of great influence (a sermon which little changed their lives evidently), and also to the coming ages. This king and queen were wedded to their infamy. God had in mind on that day an audience in comparison with which that which Paul saw faded into oblivion. Notice his argument. (1) He begins with his own experience. In these verses there are over forty personal pronouns.

Men do not need so much light as they do need heat, and Paul was speaking out of the hot throbs of his personal experience. Paul stood before them a living miracle, an incarnate argument. We might tremble at the doctrine of the resurrection. He knew it was a marvelous thing that God should raise the dead, but that change had been wrought in him which was equivalent to the miracle of raising one from the grave.

Paul's plea was for the Roman as well as the Jew. Considering his personal testimony, he declares that he is a true Jew of the strictest sect (vv. 4-9), and as such he lived in the "hope of the promise" as predicted by Isaiah and Daniel. That promise has been fulfilled in Jesus, the crucified, who rose again from the dead, and Paul adds, "I have seen him, for which hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews." (2) (vv. 9-15) Paul tells the audience that he, himself, was once a zealous persecutor of the Christians, more so than those who are now persecuting him, "being exceedingly mad against them." He then relates his Damascus journey and the conversation held on the road with the risen Lord.

The gospel Paul preached was to lead men into the kingdom of God that they might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who were fitted for that inheritance, who were the sanctified. For this cause the Jews went about to kill him.

11. Agrippa, the Doubter (vv. 24-32). Five ways are suggested as to the reception of Paul's message. The high priest's way was to hate him and oppose. Felix's way was "go thy way this time. When I have a more convenient season I will call." Festus' way (vv. 24-28) was to charge Paul with madness. Much learning (literal, many writings) was turning him mad, making him a lunatic, a dreamer, one who lived in the atmosphere of wild imaginations. Paul's reply was not harsh. "Most noble Festus" (Am. R.). "I am not mad, but speak words of soberness," words of eternal life and spiritual life (of sound sense) that were true and earnest. Paul thereupon appeals to King Agrippa to confirm his statements (v. 24). The crazy man is he who lives for this world rather than for eternity. The devil has cheated many a man out of eternal life by the method which Festus followed. He has also cheated many a Christian out of the larger life in the same way. Paul's appeal to Agrippa (vv. 27-29) is very suggestive.

Some people believe that the contents of the prophecies are of no present day value, and some are trying to break their force. Some declare they cannot be true, yet these prophecies are the ones that declare that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." The literal translation of Agrippa's answer is, "In a little thou persuadest me to be a Christian." It is said that Agrippa said this in sarcasm, but, like many another attempted jest, it revealed the real state of the heart.

Agrippa saw the cost of further consideration of the claims of Christ and was unwilling to pay the price (vv. 30-32). Thus Agrippa's soul was lost, and yet he was within one step of eternal life. Paul with great dignity took advantage of Agrippa's ambiguous expression, and said: "I would to God that whether with little or with much, not only thou but also all that hear me this day might become such as I am except (raising his fettered hands) these bonds." (Am. R.).

Paul was willing and glad to suffer anything for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Lord (II Cor. 12:10).

DIES FROM DIPHTHERIA
Bessie Madeline Coen, aged five years, of Pricetown, died yesterday of diphtheria. The little girl had been ill but a short time and is survived by one brother aged four years.

Interment was made this afternoon in the Allen cemetery near Mobley at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Undertaker Frank Huev of Logansport.

MOTHER, FORCED TO ABANDON ONE OF 3 CHILDREN



Above—the three Sokolosky children from whom their mother had to select one to give up; below, "Mike" the child she gave up because she loved him most and "Mike's" new mother, Mrs. Antone Kisellus.

NEW YORK LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

THE most ardent politician must give Woodrow Wilson credit for being an astute politician. Any Presidential candidate who can himself hold the loyal and active support of Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, and at the same time pose as the friend of organized labor and actually gain support from a portion of as intelligent men as the membership of the railway brotherhoods, must be given credit for having mastered the political game. Mr. Wilson persuades Dr. Eliot that he still believes all the harsh and unjust things he said about organized labor before he was a political candidate while his campaign managers go about the country proclaiming the President a reformed man on this subject and begging votes for him on the ground that he procured the passage of the Adamson bill. Mr. Wilson persuades some, at least, of the Brotherhood men that he deserves their vote because he forced through the Adamson bill, and at the same time enlists the support of Judge Lovett, president of the Board of Directors of the Union Pacific, President Underwood of the Erie, and it is now reported, President Willard of the B. & O., because he forced the Adamson bill. There is no prominent man in this country who has spoken so unjustly and so scornfully of organized labor and its aims and aspirations as Woodrow Wilson—except enthusiastic supporter, Dr. Eliot. It is not likely that even so adroit a politician as Woodrow Wilson can carry water on both shoulders continuously, and the indications already point to the strong probability that the labor men will get on the situation before election day. Some of them, it is understood, are already investigating the labor record of General George W. Goethals, whom Mr. Wilson has appointed chairman of the investigating board created by the Adamson law, along with President Willard, by the way.

Carries a Dishrag:
Colonel Roosevelt has described President Wilson's course in his own vividly picturesque and accurate phraseology. He says, "Instead of speaking softly and carrying a big stick, President Wilson spoke bombastically and carried a dishrag." And those who recall President Roosevelt's quiet threat to the German ambassador, to order Dewey and the fleet to protect the shores of Venezuela if Germany persisted in her determination to seize Venezuela's customhouses, and remember that Mr. Roosevelt's soft-spoken words and Germany's retirement before them, although they took place more than a decade ago, never became public until the last year, must realize that Mr. Roosevelt practiced what he preaches and knows whereof he speaks. Said Mr. Roosevelt further, discussing Mr. Wilson at Louisville, "President Wilson's speeches are models of adroit, indirect suggestion and avoidance of downright statement. But the other day at Omaha he seems to have committed himself to the statement that he was 'willing to fight' but was waiting for something worth fighting for, for something would 'put all the corpses of his blood into shouting shape.' It would be interesting to know exactly what outrage on American citizens, or—the rights of humanity anywhere, would make him cross the line between being 'willing to fight' and 'too proud to fight.'"

"Like Master Like Man:"

The friends of Secretary Baker insist that in adopting a resolution recently concerning the Secretary of War for likening the heroes of the American Revolution to the Mexican marauders and charging them with the same crimes as those bandits have committed, the New York Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has done an injustice to Mr. Baker. They point out that Mr. Baker is rather new in the cabinet and that he naturally has accepted the word of his master, President Wilson, as to the character and virtues of the Mexicans, and that Mr. Wilson has all along insisted that, regardless of their murders and rapine and outraging of women, the Mexicans were unscrupulous patriots; that they committed their unspeakable crimes not to gratify their own desires, but merely to advance the great cause of progress and revolution which Mr. Wilson has so often extravagantly lauded. And as for the character of the American revolutionists, it is pointed out that Mr. Wil-

son is a far greater historian than Mr. Baker and that he has doubtless mislabeled the Secretary of War as to the true character and practices of the Revolutionary heroes, inducing him to believe that it was the common practice of the heroes of Valley Forge to loot churches, assault ministers of the gospel and perpetrate other crimes.

WORTHINGTON.

Returning From Long Journey
James I. Michaels returned Wednesday from a long automobile journey to the Sunflower State. On the way trip his route took him by the way of Kansas City, O., Knightstown and Indianapolis, Ind., Chicago, Joliet, Decatur and Springfield, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., Florence and Wichita, Kansas, with Eldorado as his destination. He is interested in some oil developments at that point. On his return he came by way of Kansas City where he visited the Royal American Stock Show, and then took the "ocean to ocean and Pike's Peak" train to Indianapolis and from thence home by the National Highway. At Knightstown, Ind., he visited several days with his only living uncle, Captain P. G. Nay, a former prominent resident of Mannington. He traveled 2,714 miles and but one slight tire puncture caused by taking up a small tack. He reports having a splendid time.

Died at Shinnston
Miss Lizzie Martin, daughter of the late Scott Martin and Eva Martin, died at her home at Shinnston Wednesday evening of tuberculosis. She was about 31 years of age. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. N. B. Sandy, two sisters, Mrs. Finley Oakes, of Worthington, and Miss Grace Martin, at home, and two brothers, Arthur C. Martin, of Worthington, and Claude B. Martin, of Birmingham. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon and interment made in the I. O. F. cemetery at Enterprise at 3 o'clock p. m.

Thieves Steal Wire
Some time during Wednesday night thieves stole about 700 pounds of wire from the Monongahela Valley Traction company. The wire was for use in electrifying the Fairmont-Helen's Run railroad. Bloodhounds were brought to the place from which the wire was taken but as it had been hauled away in a wagon the dogs could not strike the trail.

Painfully Burned
Mrs. Homer C. Corbin was painfully burned about the face and head on Thursday. She was lighting a fire in the stove preparatory to cooking a meal when the gas exploded. Dr. W. W. Orr rendered medical assistance.

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FRATERNAL NEWS

United Commercial Travelers, Fairmont Council No. 497, L. E. Bennett secretary-treasurer, meets in Macabee Hall, 1st and 3rd, Saturday evenings. L. E. Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Mountain State Commandery, No. 445, A. & L. O., Knights of Malta, meets every Thursday evening at 7:30, in third floor Cunningham building, over Ideal theatre. Sir J. N. Chilton Sir Knight Commander, Sir E. L. Kin-Keed, P. C., Recorder.

NATIONAL GUARD.

Co. H, First West Virginia National Guard, meets every Monday in the new Armory, Jackson St., Captain Francis Thrale; 1st Lieutenant C. J. Straight; Co. I, meets every Wednesday in new Armory, Captain B. B. Carskadon; 1st Lieutenant A. D. Bell; 2d Lieutenant N. G. Matthews.

MASONIC.

Fairmont Lodge No. 9, meets in Masonic Temple first and third Mondays in each month. Francis E. Nichols, Sec. Orient Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., meets in Masonic Temple second Monday of each month. Francis E. Nichols, Sec. Crusade Commandery No. 6, K. T., meets in Masonic Temple every fourth Monday. Francis E. Nichols, Sec. Fairmont Chapter No. 44, O. E. S., meets in Masonic Temple first and third Thursdays. Helen Fleming, Sec.

W. C. T. U.

Meets every Tuesday in Willard Hall. W. C. T. U. Bldg. President, Mrs. W. D. Evans; treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Menear; Secy. Mrs. J. H. Beckman.

I. O. O. F.

Marion Lodge No. 11, meets every Tuesday in Odd Fellows Hall. W. S. Pitzer, Sec.

Palatine Lodge No. 84, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall, corner Main and Monroe streets. H. V. Swearingen, Secy., 1055 Morgantown Ave.

Mountain City Encampment No. 5, meets in Odd Fellows Hall on the first and third Fridays of each month. C. H. Riggle, Secy.

Patriarchs Militant, meets in Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evenings. H. W. Stoneking, Captain; Harlan Miller, Clerk.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Mountain City Lodge No. 48, meets in Third floor, Fleming Bldg., Thursday evenings 7:30. P. H. Hall, Master of Finance; R. C. Miller, K. of R. and S.

Marion Lodge No. 21, meets at Market and Merchant Streets, First Ward, every Tuesday evening.

Mountata City Temple No. 5, Pythian Lodge, meets every Tuesday evening in Fleming Bldg.

Monumental Lodge No. 201, meets in Pythian Lodge Room, Barrackville, every Friday evening.

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Showalter Tent No. 1, meets every Friday evening in McKinney Bldg.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE
Fairmont Lodge No. 9, meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Macabee Hall, McKinney Bldg., 317 Main street. R. D. Harden, Sec'y. Fairmont Lodge No. 11, meets in stone Savings Bank Bldg., every Monday evening. J. H. Kinkead, Sec.

LADIES OF MODERN MACABEES.
Dent Hive No. 153, Ladies of the Modern Macabees, meets the first and third Fridays of each month in K. of P. Hall.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA
White Camp No. 5473, Modern Woodmen of America, meets every Friday evening at their hall in the Skinner Bldg. C. W. Walker, Clerk.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.
Meets in K. of P. Hall, Fleming Bldg. H. T. Jones, Clerk, 203 Albert Court.

GERMAN BENEFICIAL UNION
Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month at 119 Jackson street. Ernest Echwaner president; H. C. Voelker, Sec.

I. O. O. F. M.
Setting Sun Tribe No. 16, meets each Thursday evening at Red Men's Hall, first Ward. H. Ernest Hawkins, K. of R., 185 State Street, First Ward.

Waneta Council No. 6, Degree of Pochonaw, meets every Friday evening at Red Men's Hall, First Ward.

A. O. N.
Meets every second Sunday at Knights of Columbus Hall. M. J. O'Neal, Rec. Sec. Boutin Division, Ladies Auxiliary.

B. P. O. E.
Fairmont Lodge No. 294, meets at Elks Home, 419 Main street, near Madison, every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Charles D. Barry, Sec., 228 High street.

KNIGHTS OF GOLDEN EAGLE.
Meets in Murgrove Hall. W. A. Crowl, Secy. Meets first Friday of each month in K. of C. Hall. Grace McDonnell, Rec. Sec.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.
Meets first and third Mondays in old Masonic Hall, corner Main and Madison streets. Charles Armbruster, R. S., 120 Chestnut Street.

MARION CO. MEDICAL SOCIETY.
Meets last Friday of each month in the Fleming Bldg. President, Dr. L. C. Howard; vice president, Dr. L. D. Howard; secretary, Dr. H. R. Johnson; treasurer, Dr. W. H. Sanders; board of censors, Drs. L. N. Yost, E. E. Offner, Wm. F. Boyers; delegates to West Virginia State Medical Association, Drs. H. H. Carr, A. L. Fe-

son, alternates, Drs. E. P. Smith, C. W. Waddell.

Y. M. C. A.
Fairmont Avenue and First Street. J. M. Hartley, president; B. L. Butcher, Secretary; J. O. Watson, treasurer.

W. O. W.
Meets every Monday evening in the Woodmen of the World Hall in the Skinner Bldg., 112 Main Street. J. H. Kinkead, Recorder.

Degree of Honor of the W. O. W.
Meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings at 8 o'clock at the same place. This is the ladies' degree of the order.

ORDER OF OWLS.
Fairmont Lodge No. 1622, meets every Thursday in old K. of P. Hall, McKinney Bldg. M. J. Fearman, Sec.

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